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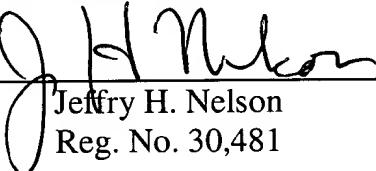
Further to the Amendment of October 28, 2003, attached is a complete copy of previously cited Canadian Patent Application 2,243,733.

All claims are in good condition for allowance. If any small matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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